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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- MICRONESIA

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM OUR SUMMARY NO. 128 OF JULY 7,
1976 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL -- MICRONESIA

STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK AND USSR
AS THE TC CONTINUED GENERAL DEBATE ON MICRONESIA JULY 7. THE DEBATE
IS
SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED WITH A STATEMENT BY THE U.S. JULY 8, AND
THE SESSION TO CONCLUDE JULY 12.

MURRAY (UK) STATED THAT BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP
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AGREEMENT IN 1981 (WHICH SHOULD BE TARGET, AND NOT FIXED, DATE): 1)

THE MICRONESIANS MUST DECIDE ON A FORM OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.; 2) AN ADMINISTRATION MUST BE SET UP TO DEAL WITH THE CONDITIONS LIKELY TO PREVAIL; AND 3) SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MUST BE MADE IN THE DIRECTION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. HE HOPED THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE LINKS WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE MODIFIED; A FLEXIBLE FORMULA MIGHT BE SUITABLE, WITH A CENTRAL AUTHORITY EXERCISING DIRECTION IN AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST BUT DELEGATING CONTROL TO THE STATES OR TO DISTRICTS IN OTHER AREAS. THE COST OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE REDUCED AND DRASTIC REORGANIZATION TAKE PLACE, AND THE INHABITANTS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION MAKING ON SCALING DOWN AND DECENTRALIZING THE GOVERNMENT. HE HOPED THE \$145 MILLION TO BE SPENT BY THE U.S. IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED THE FINAL FIGURE. CONCERNING AGRICULTURE, MUCH DEPENDED ON THE POLITICAL WILLINGNESS AND COURAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DECISIONS WHICH MIGHT BE UNPOPULAR AT THE TIME THEY WERE MADE. MURRAY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME IT WAS TAKING TO SETTLE THE WAR CLAIMS AND THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE TERMS. IT WAS IMPORTANT, IN HIS VIEW, THAT AN AERIAL SURVEY OF BIKINI SHOULD BE MADE SOON.

KOVALENKO (USSR) CHARGED THAT PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION WAS SLOW, MICRONESIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WAS BEING THREATENED, THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY AND STRATEGIC BRIDGEHEAD, AND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE, THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO PRESENT THE TC WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. HE CLAIMED THAT THE U.S.

INFORMED THE INHABITANTS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS BUT NOT THE DISADVANTAGES. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY STEPS LEADING TO THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE TERRITORY. THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE NOT ONLY CAUSED POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY THERE, BUT HAD HAD REPERCUSSIONS IN THE REST OF MICRONESIA. HE SUGGESTED THE "SUPERPORT" MIGHT ENCOURAGE SEPARATISM, HAVE HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND INCREASE DEPENDENCY IN THE AREA. HE STATED AT ONE POINT THAT DECISIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE MADE BY THE MICRONESIANS BUT LATER SAID THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON THE POLITICAL STATUS COULD BE RESOLVED BY THE SC. HE REFERRED TO THE UNFLATTERING ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY MADE BY MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES AND CONFIRMED BY THE VISITING MISSION, AND DECLARED THAT THE TC MUST HEED CALLS

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TO SPEEDILY SET MICRONESIA ON THE ROAD TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
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